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Welcome to Issue 21 of *Back to Prabhupada (BTP)*. A common question we are asked relates to why the IRM is not apparently "winning". If the IRM are doing the right thing, then Krishna and Srila Prabhupada will surely be on "our side", and empower us to victory. So why isn't this happening?

The question assumes that "winning" and "victory" in this context must mean taking over ISKCON properties or amassing many properties ourselves, and having more followers than the GBC. Thus "winning" and "victory" are defined in terms of the following one has. If we think about this for a second, we will realise how absurd this proposition is, for in the world today ISKCON itself is one of the smallest religious groups out there, and it is rapidly getting smaller and fractured. By this logic, Christianity and Islam must be "winning", and have God on "their side". Obviously, in this context the GBC will argue that what matters is not size, but whether or not the correct message is being preached.

Aha! So "success" actually means preaching the correct message, rather than preaching the wrong message successfully! Hence, this must be the criterion for judging "success", "victory" and "winning". What matters is not how much people are following you, but how much we are following Srila Prabhupada. Having many buildings, followers etc. is meaningless if one is deviating from Srila Prabhupada. Otherwise then we would not be measuring our success, but merely how successful we are at deviating. So let's measure:

1) The years since the formation of the IRM have been characterised by near silence from the GBC in terms of papers challenging our position, culminating in the ignominious withdrawal in

2004 of the GBC's position paper, *On My Order Understood*, which the IRM's position paper, *The Final Order*, challenged.

2) ISKCON's leaders have been pushed to agree with all our major points, as copiously documented in *BTP* Special Issue No. 2.

3) Our website homepage [www.iskconirm.com](http://www.iskconirm.com) lists a "matrix of defeat" documenting how every attempt by ISKCON leaders to justify the guru hoax has been thoroughly defeated by the IRM.

4) And anytime ISKCON leaders open their mouths on this subject, only contradictory hypocritical gibberish emerges, as documented repeatedly in every *BTP* issue!

So they have no position, they agree with our position, they can't agree with themselves and can't justify anything they say – how much clearer does it need to get?! In terms of establishing the truth about Srila Prabhupada, and then justifying, defending and preaching it, the IRM has clearly established its objective and "won". The opposition no longer even tries to offer any justification for its position, merely stating that its current position is that Srila Prabhupada wanted gurus, and that is all. And Srila Prabhupada explains that being "victorious" in "destroying the opposition" is what constitutes "success":

**Harikesa:** "You so completely destroy the opposition, it's very hard to say anything more."

**Prabhupada:** "Yes. [...] you have to learn it and face the public and be strong to defend yourself. That is success. [...] But be victorious to the opposing elements." (Conversation, December 26th, 1975)

Clearly, Krishna and Srila Prabhupada are empowering the IRM to expose and defeat the opposition, and establish Srila Prabhupada's supremacy.

"But", one may ask, "what about the fact that the GBC's guru

hoaxer group distributes books, establishes temples of Krishna, gets people to chant Hare Krishna etc.? How can this just be dismissed as being inconsequential? How could they do this unless they were 'empowered by Guru and Gauranga'?"

Some of our older readers will remember that this was exactly the argument used to justify the zonal *acharya* system of 1978-1986. All the books distributed and "devotees made" etc. were used to justify and cover up the mass deviation from Srila Prabhupada's will, which was The Great Guru Hoax, Part 1. Nothing has changed today, except that the external results in terms of "preaching" etc. are not even as impressive as they were during the zonal *acharya* years, but the same guru hoax deviation continues. Hence the goal, and thereby the definition of success, for Srila Prabhupada's movement, is not to get people to deviate from Srila Prabhupada. Success means to get people to surrender to Srila Prabhupada, which in turn is evinced by serving Srila Prabhupada in getting others to surrender to him. Currently, the IRM is the only organisation even attempting to do this as its mission, whilst others either openly deviate from Srila Prabhupada or just ignore this state of affairs, concentrating instead on setting up their own small independent movements.

Therefore, the battle is already "won". We simply need to make others aware of it! And this is what the IRM is doing, and as each issue's letters pages attest, we are also succeeding in doing this as well!

Please feel free to write to me at the following address with any comments whatsoever: [irm@iskconirm.com](mailto:irm@iskconirm.com). Thank you and Hare Krishna. Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,

**Krishnakant**





# Letters to the editor

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Due to a continued overwhelming response, the publication of letters has been running approximately 9 months behind for quite some time now. We tried previously to run an extra page of letters to clear the backlog, but this was to no avail since as the number of our subscribers continues to increase, so do the letters! We humbly beg your patience.

**“All glories to Srila Prabhupada, Gouranga Nitai and Sri Sri Radha Govinda. I am initiated by one guru. Now after reading your THE FINAL ORDER I feel that I have done the wrong thing in life. Please help me.”**

- Dr K. Narasimha Rao (Narasimha Krishna Das), Andhra Pradesh, India

**“I have been receiving copies of Back To Prabhupada and would very much like to thank you for them!!!! They're wonderful! Hare Krishna!”**

- Johnny Zito, New York, USA

**“Haribol! Thank you for all your efforts, please keep up the good work. Sincerely in the service of the Lord.”**

- Rev. Damon Urbani, Gauteng, South Africa

**“Please tell me how I can help! I was initiated in 1975, Berkeley, by Srila Prabhupada. I love your magazine exposing the truth. I believe ACBSP to be the only true spiritual master.”**

- Gohita Das, California, USA

**“Please send the magazine as soon as possible, I like it very much.”**

- Manoj Kumar Dixit, Lecturer, Kautilya Institute Of Technology And Engineering, Jaipur, India

**“Yes, I'm receiving the BTP magazine, thank you. It's really, really an eye opener. Srila Prabhupada is the best. I've known the truth through the book The Final Order. Krishna never sided with the wrongdoer, hope you do the same as Srila Prabhupada and never fail us through your magazines. Thanks.”**

- Duttoo Lajwantee, Ballisoon, Mauritius

**“I like very much to know the ultimate truth.”**

- Aruna Das, Principal, Vivekam College of Music, Nadia, W. Bengal, India

**“Only Prabhupada can bring us back to Krishna. Jai Prabhupada.”**

- Lee Chee Seng, Singapore

**“I read your magazine cover to cover as soon as I get it. The same happened with The Final Order. They read like the old Back to Godhead magazines we got in the early '70's. Thank you for your effort to protect ISKCON from the diksa gurus. They are like born-again Christians on steroids. As soon as the first of these gentlemen fell into the birth canal, their days were numbered. All Glories to Prabhupada.”**

- Mahasana dasa, Florida, USA

**“Many thanks for your informative publication. I always look to read your thought provoking articles. I look forward to reading this and future issues with great interest.”**

- Elizabeth Wittig, Watford, England

**“Thank you Prabhu. Please keep up with this revival of ISKCON. I support you in this endeavor.”**

- Michael Buschmann, Baltimore, USA

**“Back to Prabhupada is excellent. Keep it up. Hare Krishna.”**

- K.S. Giri Babu, Bangalore, India

**“I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. He who knows what path leads us all, what path we have to take, in the right time to go - Back to Prabhupada. Jai Srila Prabhupada.”**

- Dr Ravi M.H., Hassan, India

**“Krishnakant, keep up IRM work and I can see the way Prabhupada is giving you such power and strength. One day with Krishna and Guru Maharaja's blessings you will achieve your goal.”**

- Gunvant Changela, London, England

**“Keep up the good work.”**

- Vinesh Surgold, Durban, South Africa

**“The issue of BTP that I picked up from my friend's house was an eye opener. Please continue the great work.”**

- Nandita Kanwar, Hyderabad, India

**“Wonderful job you're doing! ISKCON is Prabhupada, we only have each other and this separation that love will complete someday. Your effort speaks of your love. More strength to you. Good karma for telling the truth! All the best.”**

- Gary Paterson, Vancouver, Canada

**“I am really disturbed by the way the bogus gurus are misguiding and cheating innocent people, by disobeying the words of Srila Prabhupada, our spiritual master. I want to see the activities of ISKCON like Srila Prabhupada wishes. Jai Prabhupada.”**

- Saanil Bhaskaran, Bangalore, India

**“Thanks a million for the offer you made to me. I'm delighted to receive BTP.”**

- Prashant Bharadwaj, Navi Mumbai, India

**“Many thanks for this information in the BTP magazine.”**

- Andreas Arndt, Bleckede, Germany

**“Thanks for including my comments in Q and A, nice response (p.11, BTP 19). I still go right to the center section for current positive devotee stories!”**

- Dominique Rocanella, California, USA

**“Srila Prabhupada ki jaya! I have gone through this magazine received from Khagendra Das prabhuh. I liked the truth explained in it. Hare Krishna Mahamantra ki jaya!”**

- Updeshamrit Das, Raigad, India

**“Thank you and keep up the work, continue to stay objective.”**

- Mr. R. Mootoo, Frankfurt, Germany

**“Yes, I do believe that there has been deviation in the parampara system which resulted in the proliferation of gurus and quite a few of them falling prey to gross sinful activities.”**

- Rakesh Srikumar, Tamil Nadu, India

**“Only the directions of the enlightened Srila Prabhupada can lead ISKCON, especially at this juncture.”**

- Govindan V.T., Kerala, India

**“Hare Krishna dear Spiritual Friends, hope you are in best health and condition and spiritually progressing! I know the Hare Krishna Movement from the beginning and was for some time involved in it, also my friend. We always appreciated Srila Prabhupada and his work and are astonished and upset to have read for the first time after so many years what has happened to the movement and ISKCON. Please be so kind and send me, for me and my friend, 2 extra copies of The Final Order. Thanking you really very much, all the best to you with spiritual greetings.”**

- Norbert Krings, Dueren, Germany

**“All glories to Shriram Prabhupada. Thank you so much for remembering me, and sending me Back to Prabhupada. You are so great doing such wonderful services to Srila Prabhupada. I can imagine how happy he is looking down at all of you from the spiritual world, it is very clear that all his devotees who follow everything he will take back to God in this life. Hare Krishna Krishnakant, all glories to your service.”**

- Merumala Dasi, Florida, USA

**“Thank you so much. Keep up the good work of exposing hypocrisy. Haribol!”**

- Glen Collen, Hawaii, USA

**“Congratulations for your preaching efforts.”**

- Juan Jose Martinez Villela, Tepoztlan, Mexico

**“All glories to Srila Prabhupada. He is the real guru for everybody.”**

- Tamal Govinda Das, Edmonton, Canada

**“Thanks for your seva in order to restore what Srila Prabhupada really taught us!”**

- Devadvipa Das, La Coruña, Spain

**“I personally feel it's about time to kick out the hoaxer gurus from ISKCON. There is one and only spiritual master, guru, Srila Prabhupada. No-one can touch his place.”**

- Pradip Dol Raj Badshyal, Gandaki, Nepal

**“Interesting magazine.”**

- Barbara Shinton, Toronto, Canada

# Letters to the editor *(continued from page 3)*

"Namaste, Hari Om. Dear Krishnakant prabhu, PAMHO, AGTSP. Thanks for all the nice magazines, I enjoy your style to make things understandable. Krishna for sure has a nice tool in you. I agree with all your points since issue 1 from winter 1995 (the original Back to Prabhupada), in issue 2 my article "A glimpse into transcendence" was published, and since then I pointed out the ritvik philosophy to many elders, but they are afraid I think. But also maybe I am too much for them, here in Hamburg ISKCON at least, even though I did nice seva. I don't bother anyone anymore, maybe the ship has to crash first! Yes, I was a kid who lived like most of us for 21 years in the temple. Now I am 55. Thank you sooo much also for the BTP in German. Great work indeed! Straight to the point and in good quality. If we ritvik-minded are wrong then ISKCON would be successfully managing the ship, but do they? Thanks for everything."

- Accedya Das, Luneburg, Germany

"Dear Krishnakant, the reason my pilgrimage was a success was all due to BTP magazine, you are publishing the truth, and it affects the whole world! If these bogus punk-ass elected gurus had their way, they would start more bogus propaganda, and find some way to get their ugly photos on the altar, but thanks to BTP, no one will allow this in the Holy Dhams such as Vrindavan and Mayapur. KEEP ON PRINTING AND THEY WILL DRY UP AND DISAPPEAR, THE TRUTH WILL PREVAIL!"

- Srimaya Das, Koh Samui, Thailand

"Hare Krishna, keep up the good work."

- Vigdis Eide, Bergen, Norway

"The pure Vaisnava lives forever in sound; books, tapes, letters, conversations etc. Jai Srila Prabhupada."

- Joachim Ickrath, Volklingen, Germany

"Prabhupada forever!"

- Ghansyama Das, Durban, South Africa

"It could be said that only an arrogant fool or heroic warrior would undertake such a perilous crusade in these times. Should Srila Prabhupada's blessings be with you all then surely the latter will prevail and make this bumbling ingrate weep with joy."

- E.R. Byrne, New South Wales, Australia

"Unscrupulous elements and self-styled vagabonds claiming freedom and godliness are like dogs barking while Lord Indra enjoys celestial dance music. So we must strive to make IRM successful!"

- Nanda Kishore Shastry, Jalandar, India

"Many thanks for sending me the new issue of Back to Prabhupada. As always a fantastic read. Hare Krishna!"

- Alex d'Este Hoare, Hampshire, England

"Hari bol. It is a shame. Is everything unreal now, since Prabhupada passed away? Cannot believe it. It's our western mentality. We think we can be a guru after 6 months. I know about Krishna since 1984. At that time, I thought that every person who wears saffron clothes is a holy person. This magazine brought me back to the real world. Jaya Srila Prabhupada."

- Rico, Asbach, Germany

"On suddenly receiving some back issues of BTP from a devotee friend, I fully read 3 in one sitting. Without Srila Prabhupada it's impossible for ISKCON to run for 10,000 years, as predicted. But IRM's contribution can make that prediction come true."

- Kavichandra Das, Moradabad, India

"Yes, Prabhupada should be the master of ISKCON - he is with us."

- Nicola Hayes, Worcester, England

"I like to read BTP, it gives me lots of realisation of Prabhupada. I borrow BTP from a good friend to read. I am a follower of ISKCON for 7 years now."

- Mrs Roxan, West Coast Demerara, Guyana

"Thank you so much for trying to restore ISKCON. I'm sure Prabhupada would be very happy!"

- Jasmine Ferguson, Essex, England

"Greetings from the Lone Star State. I just wanted to say thank you to all of the devotees that put their hearts in to publishing this wonderful magazine!! I have been reading Prabhupada's books for 13 years. I used to be very active at the Dallas temple but stopped going because I had issues with the way that certain things were being handled. Thanks again for this wonderful magazine. With much love."

- Amanda Vega Silverman, Texas, USA

"People around the world presently are in dilemma about the existing ISKCON situation. All of them should understand that there was, there is and there will be only and only one ISKCON, that is the ISKCON headed by ISKCON Founder-Acharya HDG Srila Prabhupada, and not by any so-called gurus."

I am so very happy to understand the fact that the ISKCON REVIVAL MOVEMENT is doing the greatest service to mankind by revealing the so-called guruships. One who serves the bogus guru, even with or without knowledge, is heading towards hell. So, the IRM is helping such thousands of innocent devotees to realize the truth. I bow down to you for your genuine service."

- Kusuma Devi Dasi, Bangalore, India

"Thank you for sending magazines. Will keep updated via your homepage. Thank you very much for your service. Great seva you do! Jai Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna."

- Sandro Gretler, Zurich, Switzerland

"Great work you guys are doing. Thanks lots."

- Joshveer Naidoo, Durban, South Africa

"Thank you so much, the BTP team are doing wonderful service for this movement. Maybe people don't realise it now, but the day will come for them to understand it properly. Actually a lot of people came to know the truth by the BTP magazine. All the best, may Krsna bless all the BTP team."

- Kumar, Klang, Malaysia

"As far as I'm concerned, only Srila Prabhupada is our eternal guru. All these bogus gurus have done is spoilt Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON movement. Knowing the consequences for their actions, they still don't give a damn. For them to do this clearly shows that they are not reading the scriptures, and also disobeying Srila Prabhupada's instructions. Thanks to IRM for revealing these cheaters."

- Jayshree Mithal, Johannesburg, South Africa

"I recognise Srila Prabhupada as the one true Guru, and his orders should be strictly adhered to. It is shameful that there are some who put their own interpretation on his wishes. This is the way of the material world and we must recognise falsehood and follow truth! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!"

- Andrew Bearn, Somerset, England

"Please keep sending magazines. Enjoy reading them and hearing the truth from Srila Prabhupada as he would like it for genuine devotees of Krishna. Thank you."

- Miss C. Armstrong, Middlesex, England

"I like Prabhupada very much. I preach that Prabhupada is the only Guru of ISKCON. GBC is making business in the name of Prabhupada."

- Mrs Manju Kumar, Alberta, Canada

"Thanks again for keeping us informed. You are doing great service for all of us including the leadership of ISKCON. Please keep up the good work. Hare Krishna."

- Richard House, Oklahoma, USA

"It is truly commendable that you have tried so much to propagate our Founder-Acharya's teachings, truly there could be none to equal our beloved Guru in Vedic knowledge."

- Vivek Prasad, Chennai, India

"It's a must read!"

- Zaritza Thomas, Alachua, USA

"IRM has given me a lot to think about."

- Naresh Hardwarpersad, Newcastle, South Africa



# The proof is before us every morning!

A new devotee told us he could not understand why there was a dispute over Srila Prabhupada's position since every ISKCON temple had a big "statue" of Srila Prabhupada, and every morning they offered "Guru-puja", or worship of the Guru, to him.

We explained that this was the "bait-and-switch" approach. Having no potency of their own, the GBC guru hoaxers all hide behind Srila Prabhupada, except when it's their "payday", known in ISKCON as "initiation", when Srila Prabhupada is suddenly summarily shoved out of the way. Even then, to appease the disciple, sometimes weasel words are offered claiming the initiation is being done "on behalf of Srila Prabhupada", but the guru-dakshina cheque and worship, however, remain firmly with the impostor "guru".

But the fact that ISKCON is offering "Guru-puja" every morning to Srila Prabhupada is indeed instructive.

## Guru-puja: the worship of the diksa Guru

Every morning in every ISKCON temple in the world, devotees perform this ceremony of "Guru-puja" - the worship of ISKCON Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. This ceremony is compulsory for all members of ISKCON, from the seniormost GBC member to the newest *bhakta* (devotee). It is also a ceremony that is meant to be observed daily for the lifetime of ISKCON for thousands of years to come. Even though Srila Prabhupada is not physically present, every day all the members of the GBC and their followers stand in front of Srila Prabhupada in his *murti* (sacred effigy) form and, as part of the Guru-puja ceremony, sing the following verse to him:

**"cakhu-dan dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei, Divya-jnana hrde prokasito."**

The ISKCON song book translation of this verse is:

**"He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my Lord birth after birth."**

And in an explanation of this verse, Srila Prabhupada categorically states that it means he is giving *diksa*, or initiation:

**"Divya-jnana hrde prokasito. What is that divya-jnana? [...] This is divya-jnana. Diksa. Diksa means from this divya-jnana."**

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 11/7/1976)

## Srila Prabhupada says to approach him for diksa

The standard scriptural evidence for the need to take initiation from a *diksa* Guru is given in *Bhagavad-gita*, 4:34:

**"Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized soul can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the truth."**  
(*Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, 4:34, [1972 ed.])

1) The word "*upadeksyanti*" which appears in the Sanskrit transliteration of this verse is translated by Srila Prabhupada as "*initiate*" and "*impart knowledge*". And we have just seen that every morning we must recite that it is Srila Prabhupada who imparts this knowledge by which one is initiated - "*divya-jnana*."

2) The GBC argue that this verse can only apply to them and not Srila Prabhupada, as one cannot "approach" Srila Prabhupada for initiation as "he is not physi-

cally present". But again, we sing something else every morning to Srila Prabhupada during *Guru-puja*. The very first line of *Guru-puja*, sung every morning by every member of ISKCON, is:

**"Sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakti-sadma, vando mui savadhana mate."**

While quoting this first verse from his *Guru-puja* ceremony, Srila Prabhupada categorically states that this verse means approaching "the spiritual master who has got the power" - which of course must be himself since the verse is sung to him:

**"So this is the beginning, that if you want to be devotee, then you must approach the spiritual master who has got the power. Sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakti-sadma, vando mui savadhana mate."**

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 11/7/1976)

And we saw earlier that this power he possesses is to deliver *divya-jnana*, or *diksa* (initiation).

## GBC state everyone receiving diksa from Srila Prabhupada

The GBC agree that whoever is giving *divya-jnana* would indeed be our *diksa* Guru:

**"This divya jnana is the principal active ingredient of diksa."**

(No. 404, GBC Resolutions 1999)

And we have just seen that every ISKCON member is supposed to sing to and glorify Srila Prabhupada every morning, as the Guru who is giving us this *divya-jnana*! Therefore, the GBC are unwittingly accepting that Srila Prabhupada must be, as the giver of *divya-jnana*, our *diksa* Guru.

## GBC cheat to fix their goof-up

Having realised that in 1999 they had unwittingly effectively declared Srila Prabhupada as

the *diksa* Guru for ISKCON, and that they are singing this fact every morning, the GBC then tried to get out of this by accepting the recommendation of its "Sastric Advisory Council", its so-called "*brahmanas*", to simply re-define the word "*diksa*" and claim that it has no connection to "*divya-jnana*":

**"The syllable di in diksa is not actually derived from the same root as divyam, nor is it necessarily connected with the noun jnanam. Nor does the bare syllable ksa necessarily mean ksapayati, nor is the object of that verb necessarily 'ignorance.'"**

(GBC Sastric Advisory Council paper, 2003)

Srila Prabhupada says the exact opposite, of course:

**"Diksa, diksa. Di... divya. There are two words, divya-jnana. Divya-jnana means transcendental, spiritual knowledge. So divya is di, and jnanam, ksapayati, explaining, that is ksa, di-ksa. This is called diksa, diksa, the combination. So diksa means the initiation to begin transcendental activities. That is called initiation."**

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture 22/2/1973)

This is like a person caught admitting he was stealing later trying to claim that "stealing does not mean to steal!"

## Conclusion

The very fact that we were supposed to sing *Guru-puja* to Srila Prabhupada every morning for the lifetime of ISKCON is itself the simplest and most compelling evidence that he established himself as the *diksa* Guru of ISKCON for ISKCON's lifetime. And the GBC have also unwittingly ended up admitting this fact, an admission made blatantly obvious via their attempts to retract and reinvent Srila Prabhupada's and their own teachings about *divya-jnana* and *diksa*.



# Desperate cult tactics used against the IRM

In July of this year, the IRM opened another front in its worldwide preaching, establishing a branch in Budapest, Hungary. Hungary is touted as a stunning success story of ISKCON's progress, but now it is also becoming a success story of the IRM's progress! At this time most of the devotees in Hungary received a copy of the *BTP* Special Summary Issue in Hungarian. Realising that if the devotees read *BTP* his guru hoax days would be numbered, HH Sivarama Swami ("SRS"), the ISKCON guru for Hungary, immediately tried to stop the truth reaching the innocent devotees. We detail here the usual cult tactics of suppression, censorship and misrepresentation taken to keep the devotees in ignorance.

## Mind control – 1

"I am writing to you in regard to the magazine 'Back to Prabhupada,' which many of you may have received and seen [...] Therefore ritviks and their literature should be ignored [...] This same instruction is reflected in the direction of the GBC Body, the ultimate authority for ISKCON, in their 1990 law regarding ritviks and their doctrine: [...] The tone of the above law makes it quite clear that persons who are in breach of it can expect to be the object of serious sanctions." (SRS Letter to all devotees, 17/7/08)

So the immediate response is to basically tell everyone they are forbidden to use their own minds and read *BTP*. And to ensure compliance, SRS invokes the threat of "serious sanctions", relying on fear and force rather than "love and trust". That SRS operates in a cult-like manner is evident from the following exchange:

**Devotee:** "I also had another

**question. When we meet these devotees, should we start arguing with them, should we beat them up? I'm sorry to say that but it came up amongst the devotees."**

**SRS: "[...] You just ignore them, you don't waste time on them. They cannot be convinced. [...] You just ignore them."**

(SRS *Istagosthi*, Budapest, 17/7/08)

This is the result of the 'mood' engendered by SRS's preaching – that an alternative opinion is to immediately be met with violence. Though SRS does not agree that violence should be used, he makes no attempt to admonish such a cult-like response either!

## Mind control – 2

**"Those who receive it should say 'Please don't send me any more, because I don't need it.' Please give some feedback. Or just send it back saying that 'such a person isn't living here.' I would just like to request devotees who receive such magazines to bring it in to the temple, give it to me I'll collect it, it shouldn't be around in the devotee community."**

(SRS, *Istagosthi*, Budapest, 17/7/08)

Again, SRS emphasises that no one should read such literature, and so desperate is he to make sure that no one does read *BTP*, he even offers to act as the personal 'collection man' for the magazines!

In addition, following the sending out of these warnings, SRS dispatched devotees to visit devotees' homes and ask them to return *BTP*. So afraid are they of *BTP* that they have now moved beyond trying to collect them up from devotees at Ratha Yatra festivals, to even visiting devotees at home to do so! Clearly, one can only have such fear from the truth,

because if we were speaking rubbish as SRS claims, he would not need to adopt such desperate tactics to keep everyone from reading what we have to say.

## Mind control – 3

But the cult mind-control techniques do not end there. In addition to telling devotees what they must read and think, SRS then had the "Director of Communications" for ISKCON Hungary, Govardhana Das, dispatch the following letter to all devotees, telling them what they must also now do:

**"Since this ritvik postal and email campaign was organized by Braja (an IRM devotee in Budapest), we ask you to do the following:**

**1. Write him an e-mail describing how disgusted and surprised you are, since he has gone to far with his audacity. So you all are free to express your dissatisfaction, there will be no aparadha....**

(Letter to all devotees from Govardhana Das, Director of Communications, ISKCON Hungary, 19/7/08)

Devotees are instigated to effectively insult Braja Das, being told that you can say whatever you like to him, since "there will be no *aparadha*" (offense) in doing so.

## Mind control – 4

Having taken steps to try and stop all Hungarian devotees from reading the truth, in classic cult-control fashion devotees are then directed to read out-of-date discredited information instead:

**"I have included a refutation of ritvik-vada penned by His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami over ten years ago called,**

**Where the ritviks are Wrong. Jayadvaita Swami's arguments should satisfy devotees who are curious to understand the pros and cons of ritvik-vada, ..."**

(SRS Letter to all devotees, 17/7/08)

Yet these same arguments were refuted at the time, over ten years ago, as anyone can check for themselves at the following web references:

[http://www.iskconirm.com/a\\_reply\\_to\\_jayadvaita\\_swami.htm](http://www.iskconirm.com/a_reply_to_jayadvaita_swami.htm)

and

[http://www.iskconirm.com/where\\_hhjayadvaita\\_is\\_wrong.htm](http://www.iskconirm.com/where_hhjayadvaita_is_wrong.htm)

And the refutation still remains unchallenged to this very day. SRS deliberately feeds the devotees outdated, already defeated material since he has already banned them from reading the rebuttals, and so hopes he will get away with such cheating.

What makes this whole mind-control campaign particularly laughable is that SRS simultaneously boasts that:

**"our Krishna consciousness movement really trains devotees in the topmost philosophy, the topmost theology, the topmost way of life, and cultivates intelligence so that the devotees can be discerning and know the difference from right from wrong, what's illusion, what's reality."**

(SRS Podcast, 18/8/08)

Yet SRS is effectively admitting that he has failed to train his disciples in the "topmost intelligence" and failed to "cultivate their intelligence", so that they will be able to "discern and know the difference from right from wrong, what's illusion, what's reality." Otherwise there would be no need for him to organise people to go and collect *BTP* back from them and forbid them from reading it!



## Now you can just lie

Having taken all these steps to try and ensure that devotees do not read *BTP*, SRS is now free to discredit *BTP* by blatantly misrepresenting what we actually state, knowing full well he can get away with such lies by banking on the fact that no devotees are allowed to read what we actually say. And so he lies repeatedly regarding *BTP* and our position. We present here just a couple of examples of these lies, as there are too many to cover in just one issue!

**"Prabhupada never said that some ideology that hangs on a few words, like "henceforth" (sic) in Prabhupada's letter and in Prabhupada's Will – "my initiated disciple" – it's amazing."**

(SRS Podcast, 18/8/08)

What is amazing is that he claims *The Final Order* and our arguments "hang" on words like "henceforth". Yet *The Final Order* actually states the exact opposite:

**"Furthermore, the argument that the whole *ritvik* system 'hangs' on one word – 'henceforward' – is untenable, since even if we take the word out of the letter, nothing has changed. One still has a system set up by Srila Prabhupada four months before his departure, with no subsequent instruction to terminate it. Without such a counter instruction, this letter would still remain intact as Srila Prabhupada's final instruction on initiation"**

(*The Final Order*)

SRS also claims:

**"Another example, devotees can examine at their leisure, there's the "kiba vipra kiba 'nyasi" sloka where Caitanya Mahaprabhu says: 'Everyone**

**should become a spiritual master'. And according to *ritvik-vada*, yes you can become a spiritual master, 'guru' means you just become a *siksa* guru, not a *diksa* guru – that's what Srila Prabhupada had intended for us."**

(SRS Podcast, 18/8/08)

The "*kiba vipra kiba nyasi*" sloka does not state "everyone should become guru". It states that the qualification to become a *diksa* guru is that one knows the science of Krishna:

*"Whether one is a brahmana, a sannyasi or a sudra – regardless of what he is – he can become a spiritual master if he knows the science of Kṛṣṇa."*

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla*, 8:128, "*kiba vipra*" verse)

Maybe it is SRS who needs to examine this sloka "at his leisure"?! The IRM does not dispute that this is the qualification required to become a *diksa* guru.

Lord Caitanya's order to "become guru", however, is actually from a different verse, *Madhya-līla* 7:128, and in the purports to this verse, Srila Prabhupada states: **"one should stay at home" and "It is best not to accept any disciples"**, which make it clear this is not an order to become a *diksa* guru, and in *The Final Order* we simply repeat Srila Prabhupada's explanation of this verse.

## Then lie some more

To assist him in his cult mind-control campaign, SRS recruited infamous GBC apologist **Drutakarma Das** ("DKD") to come to Budapest, who like SRS also proceeded to fabricate stuff out of thin air, relying, like SRS, on the hope that the Hungarian devotees will never get to read what the IRM actually says. Again, a couple of examples. The quotes in the blue tinted panels are from a lecture on *ritvik* given by DKD in Budapest on July 18th, 2008.

**"When the devotees, the GBC devotees, asked Srila Prabhupada this question, 'Are they your disciples?', Srila Prabhupada said, 'Yes, my grand-disciples.'" (DKD)**

Srila Prabhupada actually states the exact opposite of what DKD claims here:

**Satsvarupa Das Goswami: "So they may also be considered your disciples."**

**Srila Prabhupada: Yes, they are disciples. Why consider?**

(May 28th, 1977, conversation)

So when asked if they are Srila Prabhupada's disciples, Srila Prabhupada clearly states **"yes"**, they are his disciples, not his "grand-disciples"!

**"And (in May in Vrindavana) Srila Prabhupada very clearly said that there will be gurus, you will become gurus, and you will accept disciples." (DKD)**

DKD here presents three concoctions in one sentence, by claiming that in the May 28th conversation, Srila Prabhupada states:

*"there will be gurus"*

*"you will become gurus"*

*"you will accept disciples"*

**These three statements have just been fabricated out of thin air by DKD, since they never appear in the May 28th conversation!**

## 'Srila Prabhupada is dead' blasphemy

To round things off, SRS, who was previously a follower of HH Narayana Maharaja of the Gaudiya Matha, shows his Gaudiya Matha sympathies by quoting them as authorities to blaspheme Srila Prabhupada by claiming he can't give initiation because he is "dead":

**"If they convince Prabhupada that he initiates them, that's another thing (laughter). Gaudiya Matha's reaction to this is, how they express it is you cannot marry a woman who died (laughter), the same way you cannot take initiation from someone who passed away."**

(SRS, *Istogosthi*, Budapest, 17/7/08)

Note the hearty laughter at such blasphemy – this is the sort of offensive attitude towards Srila Prabhupada that SRS has engendered amongst his followers.

## Conclusion

False doctrines rely specifically on keeping people in ignorance to flourish. Cults use such techniques all the time, being able to control the followers by constantly feeding them lies, which is made possible by cutting the cult followers off from information. Above we have chronicled a classic case of attempted cult control and manipulation to keep the truth out. Whilst ISKCON apologists assure academic conferences and government bodies that ISKCON has now "changed", and is no longer a "cult", but a "modern", "progressive" movement fully integrated with society's values of freedom and rationality, we see nothing has actually changed.

We are however happy to report that a growing number of Hungarian devotees have not succumbed to the above cult mind-control techniques, and despite the edicts to avoid reading what we have to say, have decided to use their own intelligence and visited our special Hungarian IRM webpage in their droves:

<http://www.iskconirm.com/Magyar.htm>

**The beginning of the end of the reign of terror and oppression for Hungarian devotees has commenced, and freedom from "tyranny in the realm of thought" is upon them.**



# Srila Prabhupada – my hope, my life and soul



COMING TO  
PRABHUPADA

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**I** 969. The Vietnam War; student protesters; drugs; Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts. I was 24, college drop-out, driving a school bus for blind children and working as a waitress. Looking for answers. What is the meaning of life? How can I be happy? Why is there so much suffering? Only one person out of the many that I actually asked had any answer at all. A nurse in the mental hospital where I finally found myself. Her answer was, "There's nothing wrong with you, you just don't have any faith in God." Her words resounded in my heart. They were the Truth. I wanted to know the Truth.

Shortly after that I met Srila Prabhupada. A friend dragged me to a lecture at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) to hear a real Swami speak. Because of Srila Prabhupada's unfamiliar accent, I couldn't follow what He was saying. Srila Prabhupada asked for questions after His lecture. My friend asked something about impersonalism. As Srila Prabhupada was leaving the room, He looked back at my friend who didn't notice. I caught Prabhupada's glance. I will never forget it. The entire spiritual world was in that glance.

One night while undergoing a psychedelic experience, I heard the Govindam prayers on the radio. Yamuna Devi's chanting had a profound effect on me. The radio station told me the name of the album. The record store said they were all out, to call the Hare Krishna Temple at that time in Brighton just outside Boston.

Whoever answered the phone at the temple hung up on me saying they didn't have any albums.

Two years later I found the album in the second hand pile at the record shop. When I played it, the same thing happened as when I had first heard it. I was overwhelmed. I made my mind up to visit the Boston temple.

It was Janmastami (the appearance day of Lord Krishna). There were only a few devotees at the temple, most had gone to New Vrindavana in West Virginia for the festival. The big beautiful painting of Narada Muni carrying his *vina* (stringed musical instrument) was there to greet everyone who entered the brightly painted temple, a two-story wooden structure from the 1940s, canary blue outside and all sorts of colors inside, like the paintings in a first edition Krishna Book, chartreuse, yellow, saffron, each room brightly painted, fresh and clean, and filled with the aroma of incense and the many *prasadam* offerings being made that day. This was like a dream, that there could be such a group of people. They were so bright and clear looking. The usual lines of anxiety I saw on people's faces were completely missing. They all had round faces like moons and eyes like deep pools of refreshing water. Their voices were sweet and melodious.

Time for *kirtan* (chanting). The temple room was on the second floor and was painted bright yellow. The altar curtains parted and there They were, Lord Jagannatha, Lady Subhadra, Lord Balaram, Radha Gopiballava and Gaur-Nitai in the form of a painting of Pancatattva. The chanting of Hare Krishna began, men on one side and women on the other with a path left open down the middle between the altar and a big cushioned chair in the back of the room with a picture of an Indian Swami on it.

Tears came. It was all so beautiful. My inner feeling was, "This chanting is the magic that will melt the hard hearts of the people of the world." I started to ask if I could stay overnight. I only managed to say "May I stay?..." the answer was immediate. "Yes!" Whatever the devotees asked me to do I was ready to do. 16 rounds of Hare Krishna *maha-mantra* on beads everyday. No problem. No meat fish or eggs, no illicit sex, no intoxicants, no gambling. Very good. Wear a *sari*. Fine. Clean the bathroom. Yes. Chant for hours on end in the streets. Ecstatic. Up at 3 am and take a cold shower. Will do. Whatever I was asked to do I was ready to do. Anything. Just let me stay. Chant and hear the Holy Name, take *prasadam* and hear the philosophy in the association of the devotees.

After some time, I asked for formal initiation without really understanding what I was asking for. The temple president wrote to Srila Prabhupada for permission to perform an initiation ceremony for myself and a few other aspiring disciples. I can't remember who. Someone received *gayatri mantra* for second initiation. And I was given a new name, Meena Devi Dasi.

Two years at the Boston temple on North Beacon Street. Blissful life fully engaged in Krishna consciousness. Several temple leaders came and went at the Boston Temple and the atmosphere changed. There were padlocks on doors and regimentation was in the air. A kind of harshness. I was assigned to cleaning the temple room seven days a week. No more *harinam*, no more book distribution for me or any of the women. I was simply to clean all day, everyday. The joyfulness had eroded and instead there was a labor camp. I eventually left, even though it was December in Boston and I had only beach flip-

flops and no coat. No money. My parents' house was a few hours away and after two days of listening to me chant Hare Krishna on my beads non-stop they offered to buy me a one-way ticket anywhere in the world.

LA temple 1974 was a hub of activity. Artists and the BBT. Book distribution on a grand scale. *Harinam*. College programs. Elaborate Deity worship. A large *grhastha* (householder) community with children. The Spiritual Sky incense business. And Srila Prabhupada was there. He was personally present overseeing the translation and printing of his books. He was giving class everyday.

Attending Tulasi Devi (a plant sacred to Krishna) and book distribution were my services. This was the life. Once again fully and blissfully engaged in service. Ready to do whatever I was asked. Then Srila Prabhupada's visit was over. The temple authorities arranged to send me to Washington, DC temple located at that time on Q St. Once again I had the opportunity to care for Tulasi and go on book distribution. Once again I was fully engaged and feeling very blissful.

Srila Prabhupada disappeared from our material vision in 1977. I heard about his departure from a hippie boy at Washington National Airport. When I opened the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* book and the boy saw Srila Prabhupada's picture, he told me. He had just come from New Vrindavana. And everyone there was frantic.

Back at the temple, now located in Potomac, the devotees were devastated. No one knew what to do. We were all at a complete loss. We awaited instructions from the senior managers. The message came. There were new *acaryas* (gurus). Satsvarupa Maharaja would be the guru for Washington, Baltimore

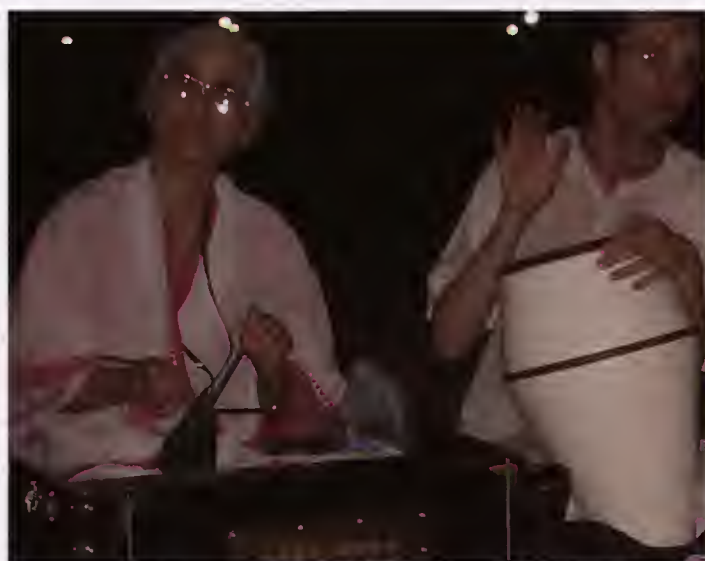


and Gita Nagari (community in Pennsylvania). And there were other *acaryas* for other zones. Everyone should continue their services as usual. That was it.

Srila Prabhupada was gone. The atmosphere became saturated with the idea that he had made disciples, some of whom had now become gurus. The others, well they didn't make it. They were flunkies. Excess baggage. Everyone was now to worship the new gurus and help them to make disciples. But how can the disciples of Srila Prabhupada worship any other guru than Srila Prabhupada I wondered, physically present or not?

There was now another *vyasasana* (Guru's seat of honor) in the temple for the new guru, and the new guru had special mantras and a new title, "Gurupada". His disciples were to bow down and recite these mantras for him and sing these special mantras out loud at *kirtan*. If I am at *kirtan* do I stop singing when the special mantra is sung, or do I sing it too just to keep things going? What do I do when I come into the temple room? Do I just ignore the new *vyasasana*? When the *guru-puja* (worship) is performed for the new guru, do I go out into the hall? This was all very disturbing and completely confusing. My whole life changed in one split second. One minute I am a servant and disciple of Srila Prabhupada, and the next he's gone. Srila Prabhupada is not available in the temple. Only the new gurus that he "appointed" are there.

There was no shelter anywhere. Not Gita Nagari, not Baltimore, not Brooklyn, not Atlanta. The new gurus were in charge. I was old news. Not needed, not wanted. I was in the way. The years of despair and misery that ensued are inconceivable. Wandering in the wilderness, so to speak. Distributing Srila Prabhupada's books whenever possible, chanting *japa*, studying.



**Meena Devi Dasi: performing evening kirtan**

Struggling to follow the regulative principles, alone. Not understanding the sequence of events that had happened. But keeping faith in Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. Never losing faith. But what happened to ISKCON? Knowing there is a reason for everything and that Krishna is there. Wondering why I was allowed to live a useless and meaningless life without service to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Chaitanya's movement.

Why the temples had changed so much? And when I visited I was not welcome. I was a stranger, an intruder. An outsider. When I was welcomed it was with the words "You like our guru?" Once I brought 2 dozen roses for Srila Prabhupada to the Atlanta temple and the head *pujari* (priest) snapped at me that he was very busy serving his guru ("Acaryapada") and that I should serve mine. During *arotika* (worship of the Deities) one of the women disciples of the new guru made it a point not to offer the ghee lamp to me at *arotika*. She purposefully turned her back on me and not let me accept the flame. It was all very bewildering....until I read *The Final Order* by Krishnakant prabhu.

What I read there made my hair stand on end. Here was information I previously had no access to. There had been a serious deviation from Srila Prabhupada's

instructions for the management of ISKCON. He had appointed *ritvik* priests only, not *acaryas* (gurus). The disciples he had appointed had taken the appointment too far claiming to be initiating gurus upon the departure of Srila Prabhupada. Indeed, Srila Prabhupada had put everything in place for the smooth running of his movement after his departure. Nothing was to change upon his physical departure. This was all fully documented in *The Final Order*. I immediately contacted IRM and they put me in contact with Mother Vani and Brahmabhuta prabhus at the Radha Govinda Temple in Lower Manhattan.

This has made me so very happy. The temple is surcharged with Srila Prabhupada's special mercy. The small Gaura-Nitai Deities extend their blessings to everyone who enters. The Sunday feasts are fantastic, the singing and dancing is lively and full of bliss. The classes are straight from Srila Prabhupada's *Bhagavad-Gita As It Is*. I live in Tennessee and visit whenever I can. I am sending a percentage of my income for supporting the activities there. And I love to embroider the little hankies for serving the Deity. Mother Vani prabhu calls every week and we read from Srila Prabhupada's books. Right now we are midway through the

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*Madhya-lila* vol. 3 of *Sri Caitanya-caritamrta*. My health is not so good lately, as my body is aging and limiting what I can actually do. I dream of moving to New York and serving in the preaching there. I am so relieved to find disciples of Srila Prabhupada who understand what has happened to the management of his movement and who are actively working to set things in order.

I am also trying to preach about Srila Prabhupada whenever I get the opportunity. I have held programs in my area, where I try and introduce people to the glories of Srila Prabhupada.

I will never leave Srila Prabhupada. He is my hope, my life and soul. If everyone on the entire planet were to abandon Srila Prabhupada, I will still be praying to him for service. IRM is giving me the association of disciples who are following Srila Prabhupada and the opportunity to render service to him and his movement, ISKCON – as he intended it to be. This is ecstatic. *Back To Prabhupada* magazine is exposing the deviations of the current leadership of ISKCON and the embarrassing results.

**Readers are cordially invited to follow Meena Devi Dasi's example by sending us your story of just how you came 'Back to Prabhupada'.**



# ISKCON should not engage in business: Srila Prabhupada speaks out

**B**ack to Prabhupada has, over the years, catalogued the decreasing spiritualisation and increasing commercialisation of ISKCON. We have reported on a wide variety of ISKCON projects focused on making money at the expense of ISKCON's spiritual purity – everything from bingo, to a wedding business, to selling mantra meditation courses, to a Hollywood-style cinema; with plans for an IT park and shopping mall now also in the pipeline. All these commercial activities are justified in the name of making money for ISKCON. But as we show below, Srila Prabhupada never sanctioned devotees to engage in such commercial activities in the name of making money for ISKCON. On the contrary, he warned that such activities will lead to the mission being diverted and spiritual life being compromised – which, of course, is exactly what has happened in ISKCON.

## Business not allowed for ISKCON monks

*"Business must be done by the ghrasthas, not by the sannyasis or brahmacaris."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, January 22nd, 1976)

## Money-making is not the business of devotees

*"We cannot divert our attention for money making activities. [...] But if we direct our attention like others, then it becomes karma. And karma is very dangerous for persons who want to go back to Godhead."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, June 21st, 1968)

*"This is the business of the devotees. They have no other business. Their business is not for making money. Money, they have got enough, and Krsna supplies all their money. So there is no such problem for a devotee of how to secure money. Their only problem is how to turn these rascals to Krsna consciousness, all rascals, vimudhan."*

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, December 31st, 1974)

## ISKCON not a wedding business

*"No, we are not marriage company. We get married our students*

*if there is necessity, but we don't....*

*[...] Similar proposal was there in Montreal. Then it will become a business. They are not devotees."*

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, June 17th, 1976)

## Business not real mission

*"Only thing is, we must try to avoid becoming too much overly organized like the material businessmen. Our business is to ourselves become Krishna conscious, advance in spiritual life, and to preach to others how they can also take advantage and come to the perfectional stage of life. Too much business or paperwork, vouchers, plans, these things become too much cumbersome for our spiritual growth, they take us away from our real emphasis of work, namely, to go back to Home, back to Godhead."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, May 14th, 1972)

*"[...] try to avoid too much business as this distracts us from our real mission."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, November 15th, 1971)

*"Actually we are not fond of having businesses. Although for spreading Krsna consciousness we can use millions of dollars, yet we*

*do not like to employ many of our men at great endeavor in the competitive business world."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, July 1st, 1975)

*"Our aim should not be to work for profit. You American boys and girls can make very large profit, but why you have taken to Krishna consciousness? You are not meant for profit making but for advancing in spiritual life."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, September 4th, 1975)

## Selling Srila Prabhupada's books are the only business

*"Regarding Denver, why are they doing business? This creates a bad atmosphere. We shall only do one business and that is book-selling. That's all. As soon as you become karmis after business, then spiritual life becomes damaged. This business should not be encouraged any more [...] One has to engage himself in devotional service, giving up the engagement of manufacturing pounds, shilling, pence."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, November 20th, 1975)

*"Organization of book selling is more important than incense distribution. Incense sales is clearly business only. But when we sell books*

*that means we push forward our movement. So unless it is absolutely necessary, we should not become ordinary businessmen. Try to understand this point."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, April 21st, 1971)

*"Regarding the Society's leaders emphasizing business, you should understand what is the meaning of business. Business means to help the preaching. Preaching needs financial help, otherwise, we have no need for business. So far as I understand, our book business is sufficient to support our movement."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, August 13th, 1974)

*"I am seeing now that the business activities in our society, they are increasing [...] So this business should be discouraged, otherwise, if they do it, our men will again become karmis. Our business is simply book distribution."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, November 20th, 1975)

*"It is good that you have stopped all business ventures. Now, stick to it. Book distribution is sufficient. You should not divert for any other business."*

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, December 28th, 1976)

## IRM Mission Statement

**S**ince the physical departure of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada from our material vision on November 14th 1977, the International Society For Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Srila Prabhupada, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole *diksa* Guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Srila Prabhupada gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and *diksa* Guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order* - see back page to order your [free](#) copy.







# Readers' questions and challenges

"While I was coming out of the Soho temple, I was being handed over this magazine called Back to Prabhupada [...] You are wasting so much energy criticizing the Gurus and wasting all of your valuable time. I believe that by whatever means one can attain Krishna that's fair [...] Srila Prabhupada will be very sad to see your low consciousness."

- Bhaktin Barsha Kalita, London, England

## Editor replies:

You obviously believe it is correct to spend time criticising others and finding fault in them, since you have written to us and criticised us and found fault in us for having "low consciousness" etc. Therefore by your own conduct you are demonstrating that we must speak the truth for the benefit of others.

What matters is if what we are speaking is *true* or not. You will find in our magazine that everything presented is not only true, but referenced by the words of Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada teaches that he is the sole *diksa* Guru for ISKCON, and those who try and usurp his position must be checked. Do you believe in Srila Prabhupada's words or not? And if you do, why object to them when we present them? Indeed, how can us presenting facts, truth and Srila Prabhupada's words be "wasting time"?

In ISKCON, only Srila Prabhupada can take us back to Krishna - a fact even ISKCON's "gurus" like Bhakti Charu Swami now freely admit (please see *BTP* Special Issue 2). You have said that by whatever means one attains Krishna is "fair". But there is only one means to attain Krishna, which is taught by Krishna Himself, and that is by surrendering to and serving His representative, the bona fide spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada - not by disobeying him!

"My commentary about the magazine is to suggest for a change of mood in your preaching [...] Just forget about ISKCON's mafia existence. Take into account the unlimited amount of new people at your disposal and give to them Prabhupada's mercy deprived of political tinge."

- Abhimanyu Suta Das, Lima, Peru

## Editor replies:

There are currently very large numbers of devotees who are having their spiritual lives destroyed by ISKCON's guru hoaxers who have taken control of the movement Srila Prabhupada actually started. ISKCON, after all, is still distributing over 3 million books a year and has some 200-300 centres worldwide - but are taking people away from Srila Prabhupada. On the planet right now, there is no other group which is making any attempt to help these poor souls except the IRM. There are already many devotees preaching to the public, but we are the only ones preaching to the devotees the real secret of spiritual life: that only Srila Prabhupada can take you back to Godhead. This preaching to the devotees is our unflinching mood:

"TRANSLATION: For one who explains the supreme secret to the devotees, devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me.

PURPORT: [...] Bhagavad-gita should be explained to persons who are ready to accept Krsna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. It is a subject matter for the devotees only [...]"

(*Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, 18.68)

So we will continue until we have rescued them from the guru hoaxers. Since all the IRM members were themselves rescued by such preaching efforts, they obviously now do not want to deprive everyone else of the same benefit they have received.

"Why do you unnecessarily blaspheme all ISKCON gurus? Let Srila Prabhupada and Krishna decide and you simply preach. People cry on reading such articles which are sometimes full of direct blasphemy."

- Surendra Agarwal, West Bengal, India

## Editor replies:

We do not unnecessarily blaspheme the ISKCON gurus. Firstly, since we only speak the truth, it is impossible to commit blasphemy, otherwise then truth or *dharma* itself would be guilty of blasphemy. Secondly, it is very much necessary to speak the truth so that people know who the bona fide Guru is, without which one cannot even begin the process of Krishna consciousness. You say we should let Srila Prabhupada and Krishna decide, and we should just preach. But we are in agreement with you:

a) Srila Prabhupada has already decided by issuing directives which make it clear that he remains the sole *diksa* Guru of ISKCON, such as the July 9th, 1977 directive to all GBCs and Temple Presidents, and we are simply repeating these instructions.

b) Srila Prabhupada and Krishna have already decided by inspiring the creation of *BTP*. And through *BTP* we are simply preaching, just as you advise.

Of course, if we state the fact that the current ISKCON gurus were not authorised by Srila Prabhupada, and therefore are not acting correctly, this may offend those who have faith in them. But we cannot avoid stating this truth just because someone make take offense at hearing it. Rather, the greatest offense would be to *not* speak the truth.

You say the magazine reduces those who have faith in the false gurus to tears. Such is the power of truth, it will totally shatter illusion into pieces!

"No doubt IRM's stand is absolutely right. But since your site was not so serious towards the varnasrama mission, I have decided to take initiation from an ISKCON Guru Maharaja. I have found in last one year, service with my guru maharaja for that mission, that certainly there are some serious drawbacks with all dealing of varnasrama mission, and I do not know what is exactly the problem, why our activities are not taking shape, even though we are working very hard."

- Bhaktavatsal Das, Jaisalmer, India

## Editor replies:

Srila Prabhupada never stated that *varnasrama* can be instituted by:

a) Disobeying him.

b) Kicking him out as the Guru of ISKCON.

c) Accepting initiation from the bogus gurus who have kicked him out.

So obviously *varnasrama* will never get established by following the above process, as proven by the fact that in the last 30 years ISKCON has not even come close to establishing *varnasrama*. By taking part in the guru hoax deviation, which is a huge offense to Srila Prabhupada, you also will similarly fail in your attempts to get *varnasrama* instituted. And you have admitted that this is exactly what has happened!

Nothing happens due to material formulas and power, but only due to the MERCY and GRACE of Srila Prabhupada. Clearly, this is never going to come as long as we keep offending him by spreading the guru hoax. *Varnasrama* and all other things will follow after we have first re-established Srila Prabhupada's true position, and driven out all the offences being perpetrated in his name.

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# Quotes, Notes and News (QNN)

## We believe in research by denying it!

**G**BC voted in guru-hoaxer, His Holiness Sivarama Swami ("SRS"), claims that *ritvik* can be combatted by allowing devotees to use their own intelligence, and they will see that it is a "dishonest deviation":

*"So if we educate people as to what Krishna consciousness is about then so many deviant forms of Krishna consciousness, of which ritvik-vada is one and no doubt there will be many others, and there are many others, will not really have an effect on people. Generally people who are quite well educated, who are in the know, who have experience in the world, for them this is not a new thing that there are splinter groups, disagreements, opposing opinions. Ultimately intelligent people will satisfy their own intelligence by doing proper research into different arguments that come up, and they themselves will see the value of the Krishna consciousness movement that Srila Prabhupada founded and the dishonesty of such deviations as represented by the ritviks."*

(SRS Podcast, August 24th, 2007)

But as we saw on pages 6-7, it is actually SRS who is supremely dishonest, since as soon as "ritvik" entered his backyard in Hungary via *BTP*, he advocated the same intelligent people being denied the opportunity to do "proper research into different arguments", by claiming these arguments must be ignored, not studied, with a reminder of punitive action thrown in for good measure:

*"Therefore ritviks and their literature should be ignored [...] The tone of the above law makes it quite clear that persons who are in breach of it can expect to be the object of serious sanctions."*

(SRS Letter to Hungarian devotees, July 17th, 2008)

You can only research differ-

ent arguments by reading *what* these different arguments are, so why is SRS so afraid of intelligent people being allowed to read our arguments and make up their minds for themselves? If our arguments are so fallacious that any intelligent person will immediately be able to see how dishonest they are upon reading them, as SRS claims above, then why not let people read them!? Every single time our self-declared "good-as-God" gurus open their mouths on the subject of *ritvik*, they mire themselves in contradiction and error, as we document in every issue of *BTP*. This alone is evidence that they are not transparent-via-medium guru representatives of Srila Prabhupada.

## **BTP story: GBC takes action over demigod shrines**

In our last issue in QNN we reported on the temple project in San Diego run by GBC member Badrinarayana Das (please see "BTP story: GBC takes action", *BTP* 20, p15). We noted that following a *BTP* exposé on this temple project in issues 10 and 11, where we highlighted that neither was the temple in the name of ISKCON nor were most of the temple trustees ISKCON devotees, the GBC took action to rectify these two matters, insisting that the temple must be an ISKCON corporation and all the trustees must be ISKCON initiated devotees. As part of our exposé we had also highlighted that the temple was to house the following demigod shrines:

**"Shrine for Ganesh; Shrine for Shiva, Murties of Shri Parvati (Amba), Linga, Nandi Murti."**

Following our exposé, the temple has also now back-pedalled on these plans as well, as evidenced by the following e-mail from the head of ISKCON Resolve (an ISKCON body set up to hear

complaints) Braja Bihari Das:

**"My understanding is that they are \*now\* not collecting for building temples for demigods."**

To re-emphasise this point, he states that the temple project has a new website: <http://www.sandiego-newproject.org>, which has **"no mention of the demigods."**

And that the previous temple website in which Badrinarayana had announced the aforementioned plans for demigod shrines **"is old and not used. I think they will delete it as well."**

(All excerpts from an e-mail sent by Braja Bihari Das on 28/6/08, 8.02am)

This was also confirmed by one of the leaders of the San Diego temple Dharmasetu Das, who stated:

**"There are no plans for demigod worship."**

(Dharmasetu Das, e-mail, 12/6/08, 12:51pm)

## **The Great Guru Hoax, Part 2: What really happened**

*"The root of all problems now facing ISKCON is that we, the disciples of Srila Prabhupada, have not yet established proper Vaisnava relationships among ourselves. And then I went on to commit to writing—for the first time—my honest perceptions of life in ISKCON (November 1984): A society of devotees in which proper Vaisnava relations are not yet the norm is called a kanistha-adhikari society. Its distinguishing characteristic is contentiousness arising from envy. [...] Spiritual immaturity often leads a kanistha-adhikari to identify spiritual advancement with organizational advancement. He thinks that attaining prestige, power, and the perquisites of office is evidence of spiritual advancement. Lacking the assets for real spiritual achievement, he substitutes organizational elevation, which he can attain through his cunning or political*

*prowess."*

(Ravindra Svarupa Das, *Pillars of Success*)

Having made the above statement to illustrate that the root of ISKCON's guru crisis at the time (The Great Guru Hoax, Part 1 – the "zonal *acharya*" system) was the fact that the movement was one of materialistic *kanistha-adhikaris* (neophytes), ISKCON "guru reformer" Ravindra Svarupa Das ("RSD")'s solution was to push for the elevation of many of these same *kanistha-adhikaris*, including himself, to become "good-as-God" gurus themselves, just months later. Therefore, having 11 *kanistha-adhikari* "gurus" was counteracted simply by very quickly having many more of them (The Great Guru Hoax, Part 2), drawn as they were from the same pool RSD has criticised above as being *kanistha-adhikaris*.

## **Classic quotes**

**"I must also admit that Srila Prabhupada did not say anything very clearly about how the initiation system in ISKCON should be after his disappearance from this planet."**

(HH Bhakti Charu Swami, Day 3, 'LA Seminar, Questions and Answers', Published on June 11th, 2000, emphasis added)

**"It was clear that Srila Prabhupada intended these 11 devotees to become gurus in their own right after his departure, ..."**

(Radha Mohan Das, ISKCON UK Communications Secretary, Disciple of Bhakti Charu Swami, *The Hare Krishna Movement: Forty Years of Chant and Change*, 2007)

When a guru hoaxer and his own disciple cannot agree on exactly how the guru hoax supposedly came about, then you can be sure we got a hoax going on!



## Case study of hypocrisy - 1

The current age in which we live is known as the *Kali-yuga*, or age of hypocrisy:

**"This is the age, Kali. It is called Kali. Hypocrisy, simply hypocrisy. Kali means full of hypocrisy."**

(Srla Prabhupada Lecture, 26/11/66)

And nowhere is this hypocrisy more present than in the post-child of *Kali-yuga's* malefic influence – ISKCON's unauthorised guru system. So on the one hand the architect of the current version of Kali's own guru system, His Grace Ravindra Svarupa Das ("RSD"), lectures ISKCON leaders on the need to avoid the abuse of power:

*"In his January 24 keynote address to the North American Temple Presidents and Governing Body Commissioners meeting, Ravindra-svarupa called abuse of power "the core problem" facing ISKCON leaders today, and opined that the solution lay in responsible use of power and strong spiritual practices. "To exercise power over others is not itself bad, it is natural," Ravindra-svarupa said, "the Srimad Bhagavatam tells us that those who are in positions of power are naturally representatives of Krishna. The problem comes when those who are supposed to represent Krishna, don't."*

([http://news.iskcon.com/ravindrasvarupa\\_dasa\\_warns\\_leaders\\_against\\_abuse\\_power](http://news.iskcon.com/ravindrasvarupa_dasa_warns_leaders_against_abuse_power))

Yet on the other hand, as we have shown in our previous issues, RSD is no stranger to the abuse of power, attempting to use his power to attack BTP magazine distributors peacefully offering BTPs to whomever wanted one, as was highlighted in the following video clip:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SHsgg2NIQ>

Indeed, the maximum abuse of power takes place when one wields a power which they are

not even supposed to possess, as in the case of current ISKCON gurus, who act as absolute "good-as-God" *diksa* gurus for their hapless disciples, despite having been caught admitting that they were never actually ordered to take up this role (please see BTP 17, "GBC bombshell: We have no guru order"). Thus to use RSD's own point, those pretending to be representatives of Krishna as authorised *diksa* gurus, are not. So when ISKCON's leadership structure is completely based on the abuse of power, it is a bit rich for the founder of this system to lecture others on curtailing the abuse of power!

And so the charade of the "pot calling the kettle black", or the shameless hypocrisy of Kali's unauthorised ISKCON guru system, continues.

## Case study of hypocrisy - 2

It's already bad enough that the GBC have foisted an unauthorised guru hoax system on us, and removed Srla Prabhupada as ISKCON's Guru. But they insist on justifying the hoax via the most absurd of reasons. Thus, one of these GBC voted-in guru hoaxers, His Grace Sankarsana Das, claims that we must accept him as an unauthorised guru for the following reason:

*"Because you are not pure enough to receive direct transmissions from Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit within, you therefore require the telecommunication link of the external bona fide spiritual master. Just like if someone was standing in front of you, you could speak directly to him. But if he was at a great distance you would require the telecommunication link of a telephone."*

(Sankarsana Das, May 14th, 2007)

Yet he himself has not had any such "external bona fide spiritual master" for the last 30 years, nor did he barely have any "direct" contact with Srla Prabhupada even when Srla Prabhupada was

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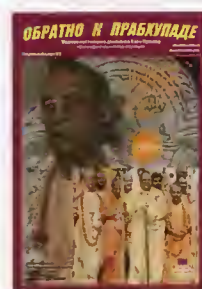
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physically present on the planet:

*"Physically I had scant association with my spiritual master."*

(Sankarsana Das, August 5th, 2008)

So we must accept His Grace

Sankarsana Das as our guru, because we must accept a physically present spiritual master in order to receive "direct" communication, and this is evidenced by the fact that he himself does not have one!



# The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3: ISKCON's multiple

In the last 3 issues of *BTP* we have presented two themes:

a) That ISKCON leaders have now basically begun agreeing with the IRM virtually in toto to try and bait followers with the plea that they are following Srila Prabhupada and accepting him as the Guru, while they are just like *ritviks* (officiating priests) – please see *BTP* Special Issue #2.

b) That this tactic of agreeing with the IRM is part of The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3, where a guru re-defines himself like a *ritvik* to distract from the fact that he is actually taking all the benefits and worship of a regular *diksa* (initiating) guru (or a *ritvik* re-defines himself like a *diksa* guru to get all the benefits of a *diksa* guru) – please see *BTP* issues 19 and 20.

These two themes are dramatically illustrated here in a lecture entitled "The Importance of Accepting a Guru in one's Spiritual Life", given by ISKCON GBC voted-in guru **HH Hanumatpresaka Swami** ("HPS"), excerpts from which will be given in the tinted panels below. (The first video of the lecture is available here - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s\\_ck52w-y1E4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_ck52w-y1E4) - there are 8 parts in all [archived August 14th, 2008]).

## Srila Prabhupada is the *diksa* Guru – stupid!

"Of *diksa*, right, um, if I am serving Srila Prabhupada's mission, chanting 16 rounds and following everything, why do I need to accept initiation from a spiritual master? Because Srila Prabhupada says that this is necessary to serve his mission [...] we know, who *diksa* guru is ..... we need a *diksa* guru, we pretty much already know who he is, because he is the person who's telling us that we need a *diksa* guru, that's how stupid we are."

HPS here tells us that Srila

Prabhupada is our *diksa* Guru because he is the one who tells us we need a *diksa* Guru, and if we do not understand this, we must be "stupid".

## Srila Prabhupada is the *diksa* Guru – it's natural!

"Sometimes for different reasons, that person who is instructing us, this is very natural that we can see that has got the qualifications to ..... So has Prabhupada, reading Prabhupada's books, understanding from him, just take initiation from Prabhupada."

HPS here says that it is very natural that we should "just take initiation from Prabhupada", meaning Prabhupada should be the *diksa* Guru.

## Srila Prabhupada is the *diksa* Guru – Krishna's representative

"This is the *parampara*, so who is the *diksa* guru? Do I mean by *diksa* guru the person who is giving me the beads, the person who is giving the name, or do you mean the person who establishes the contract with Krishna and, you know, the person who is the representative? Then Prabhupada is the *diksa* guru."

Here HPS states that, using the correct definition of a *diksa* Guru as the person who represents Krishna and establishes the contract between us and Krishna, then Srila Prabhupada is the *diksa* Guru.

## Srila Prabhupada is the *diksa* Guru – fail-safe option

**Guest:** "In that case, who will be, I mean, are we considered having *diksa* guru if your initiating guru falls and doesn't chant 16

rounds?"

**HPS:** "Again, if you take Prabhupada as the *diksa* guru, yes."

HPS here says that it is permissible for those whose ISKCON gurus have fallen to then take Srila Prabhupada as their *diksa* Guru.

## I am not the *diksa* Guru - 1

"The contract, like that, it is not that he takes shelter of his previous *acharya*, but am I a *diksa* guru or not? No, I am not."

Having already stated multiple times that Srila Prabhupada is the *diksa* Guru in ISKCON, HPS now makes it clear that *he himself* is not the *diksa* Guru.

## I am not the *diksa* Guru - 2

"So we should only accept a self-realized person as a spiritual master. [...] I am a *madhyama-adikhari* still full of material desires."

HPS reconfirms that he cannot possibly be the *diksa* Guru since he is not self-realised, but rather a *madhyama-adhikari*\* still full of material desires.

\* a devotee whose advancement in spiritual life is midway between the neophyte (*kanishtha*) and advanced (*uttama*) stages.

## I am *Ritvik*

"So I don't talk with Krishna that much. [...] You know on a higher level, like that, so apparently some people in ISKCON, may be on the position where they are having like this intense relationship with Krishna and being guided very intensely by Krishna. No one would say an *uttama-adikhari*, but even they, publicly and stuff, they won't, you know, present that as your qualification,

like that. So, you know, other than people that, yeah, some people in ISKCON in that sense are *ritviks*. I am a *ritvik*! How to define the term? Like that."

HPS now goes further and says that actually he is only a *ritvik*, since he is not someone who has an intense relationship with Krishna.

## I am a *diksa* Guru in a sense

"And in terms of some somebody like myself being *diksa* guru because I can't handle, hang on to people like Prabhupada, he was strong enough to deal with all kinds of madness, myself at some point I just have to tell people I can't be your *diksa* guru in a sense, you have to be more strict."

HPS here claims that he can be a *diksa* Guru for some people in some sense, depending on how much he can "handle" and "hang on" to them.

## Srila Prabhupada is *diksa* Guru only "symbolically"

"There is no limit, it is just the idea for taking initiation from somebody in ISKCON, taking names and stuff, we have to be convinced that I am taking initiation from Prabhupada. If there is some doubt about that then that is not. This is an initiation from Prabhupada. And Prabhupada is so clear on that, from me it is an initiation from Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati, I am nothing."

So now HPS claims that initiations in ISKCON today are actually coming from Srila Prabhupada. But whenever Srila Prabhupada gave initiations he considered them as coming from his spiritual master. Therefore the ISKCON *diksa* gurus are *diksa* gurus in the same sense as Srila Prabhupada



# personality disorder

was for his disciples, which means a full *diksa* guru. They simply consider that their initiations are coming from their spiritual masters.

## I am the *diksa* Guru

"So on Sunday we are going to have second initiation, *gayatri diksa*, with Chaitanya Vijaya Das."

In the middle of the lecture HPS announces that he is actually a *diksa* Guru since he will be giving a second initiation to a disciple!

## I won't answer

**Guest:** "Maharaj, re initiations in ISKCON we see that Prabhupada disciples, they are becoming initiating guru, and there are some that argue on the basis of the letter of *ritvik* representative. So what is the conclusion and real understanding of that?"

**HPS:** "*Ritvik*, it is interesting in terms of *diksa* guru in ISKCON. Kadamba Kanana who was originally initiated by Bhavananda prabhu and then took initiation from, you know, Jayadvaita Maharaja, under the approval of his guru he is now taking disciples. So there are grand disciples of Prabhupada in ISKCON who are initiating. Krishna Das Maharaja, he was initiated by some very nice Vaishnava in India and came to London as an engineer. Met Prabhupada's movement, met Prabhupada, wrote to his guru to see if he could participate in Prabhupada's movement, and his guru wrote back, "Why are you asking this kind of question?" Of course, all bona fide *acharyas* respect A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. It would be a great honour for me if he accepts you to help his movement. So after Prabhupada left his body he took *sannyasa* from Sivarama

Swami and he is also is initiating in ISKCON. He did not have first or second initiation from Prabhupada, only *sannyasa* initiation in ISKCON. He is an initiating guru in ISKCON."

HPS is here asked about the "conclusion and real understanding" regarding those who argue about the need for everyone to only be "*ritvik* representative" based on Srila Prabhupada's July 9th, 1977 letter. HPS answers this by saying *ritvik* "is interesting", and that's all! Instead, he goes off on a tangent about the fact that in ISKCON even the disciples of Prabhupada's disciples are also initiating.

## No one actually knows who is the *diksa* Guru

"Yes, so we realise, you know, I have a *diksa* guru. Even in ISKCON the GBC give up on this, gave up, on that couldn't figure it out, yeah, you can give up, the person got the name from and beads, he has some problem not initiating any more, you know, and he has to tell you this whether you can take shelter of someone else or not. Some people do and some don't, and some people come and say I really want this, I really need this clear connection with authority for my mind and stuff like that. Okay, so sometimes I do it and sometimes I avoid it because of the situation. If it feels proper, sometimes I do it. So it is individual."

HPS states that actually the GBC could not even figure out who is the *diksa* guru if an ISKCON guru falls, and just gave up trying to do so, and basically now allow a free-for-all.

## The reality

Regardless of the schizo-

phrenic self-contradictory nonsense he has spoken here, in practise HPS knows exactly what he is doing, attempting to act as a full-fledged *diksa* Guru for his disciples, with worship, *Vyasa-puja* offerings and all the other benefits which go along with acting as a "good-as-god" ISKCON *diksa* guru. In practise, he does not act as a *ritvik* at all, nor allow people to become initiated as Srila Prabhupada's disciple, with himself acting as the *ritvik* priest for such an initiation. Rather, he simply gives every possible answer that someone could wish to hear, to be "all things to all men", and keep the guru show on the road. Anything can be said, as long as in practise the same guru hoax can continue to be perpetuated.

## Conclusion

In the SAME lecture, which was supposed to specifically address the issue of surrendering to a *diksa* guru, HPS has run the full gamut of all possible answers claiming:

- a) Srila Prabhupada is the *diksa* Guru
- b) HPS is not a *diksa* Guru
- c) HPS is a *ritvik*
- d) HPS is a *diksa* Guru

That someone who is supposedly acting as a *diksa* guru in ISKCON himself, as the transparent via medium to Krishna, could speak such contradictory gibberish in the same talk merely illustrates the entangling nature of the guru hoax. The Great Guru Hoax has, therefore, as it moves into its third phase, evolved in such a way that ISKCON has had to develop multiple personality disorder to even be able to explain and justify it. What makes the situation even



**Srila Prabhupada:**  
The one initiating  
Guru for ISKCON



**HH Hanumatpresaka Swami:**  
Identity crisis

more farcical is that the guru hoaxers also have the temerity to tell us that Srila Prabhupada's desires for initiations after he departed are also very "clear" to them! The only thing which is clear is that they are literally making this up as they go along, as evidenced by the same guru giving every possible answer in the same talk.

**The true and clear unchanging path is that given by Srila Prabhupada himself, as documented in his books, conversations, directives for ISKCON and his Last Will and Testament – that the system of initiation he established for ISKCON (the representative *ritvik* system of initiations, with himself as ISKCON's sole *diksa*, or initiating, Guru), would be identical in ISKCON for all time to how it operated when he was on the planet.**



# Great Guru Hoax, Part 3 in action - again!

We have seen in the past two issues of *BTP* the enacting of The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3, whereby ISKCON's gurus have effectively conceded the IRM's position that Srila Prabhupada is the real spiritual master (Guru) of ISKCON who initiates us as his disciples, yet continue to claim Srila Prabhupada's disciples as their own. Below we see a familiar ISKCON guru shamelessly engaging in this hoax:

**"How do we develop our link with Srila Prabhupada? The spiritual link is established through service and faith. [...] Then we will come to the point of understanding that Prabhupada created an institution and through that institution Prabhupada is present. The spiritual master is present in 2 ways: through his *vapuh*, his physical form and through his *vani*, his instructions. Now Prabhupada's *vapuh* may not be present but Prabhupada is present through his *vani*. And that *vani* has got a very tangible shape in the form of ISKCON."** (Bhakti Charu Swami Disciples' meeting, London June 21st, 2008)

Above we can see HH Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS") clearly adopting the IRM's position that:

- 1) Our link with Srila Prabhupada is established by serving him, having faith in him and following his teachings and instructions.
- 2) Srila Prabhupada is the spiritual master and he is tangibly present in his instructions and in the institution of ISKCON.

But despite adopting the IRM's position, as we see below BCS is still happy to continue claiming that HE is the "spiritual master", and that Srila Prabhupada's disciples actually belong to him! :

**"What is the point in being your spiritual master if I do not free you from the bondage of *Maya* and lead you to your ultimate spiritual destination?"** (BCS Letter to disciple, July 25th, 2008)

Yet in typical bait-and-switch fashion, BCS has previously admitted that he is incapable of leading anyone to the ultimate spiritual destination, as only Srila Prabhupada can do this. \*

**"I cannot lead you to Krsna."** (BCS *Istagosthi*, March 28th, 2006)

**"Srila Prabhupada will take you to Krsna."** (BCS, Durban disciples meeting, reported on April 7th, 2006)

**"Srila Prabhupada, as the pre-eminent *acarya*, takes you to Krsna and engages you in His service."** (BCS *Istagosthi*, Text PAMHO:13658994, June 10th, 2007)

\* see also BCS's 13-point *ritvik* manifesto in BTP18 for further evidence of this hoax.

And here we see another shameless example:

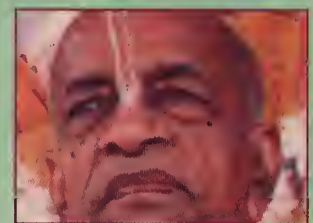
**"Dear Lokanatha Maharaja [...] Now that you have awarded me *sannyasa* on behalf of Srila Prabhupada I am begging for the privilege to also have a drop of that taste and become a dancing puppet in Prabhupada's hands."**

(Janananda Goswami's "Vyasa-puja" offering to Lokanatha Swami, July 25th, 2008)

Here, HH Janananda Goswami ("JG") claims that HH Lokanatha Swami is not the guru who initiated him into the *sannyasa* (renounced) order of life, but rather Lokanatha Swami ("LOK") was simply acting "on behalf of Srila Prabhupada". This "on behalf of Srila Prabhupada" claim reminds one of a representative system of initiations called "*ritvik*", which Srila Prabhupada ordered was the system to be followed in ISKCON:

**"...continue to become *ritvik* and act on my behalf!"** (Letter of July 31st, 1977, recording Srila Prabhupada conversation of July 19th, 1977).

Yet both JG and LOK are happy to continue acting "on behalf of Srila Prabhupada" by claiming his disciples as their own!



**"Srila Prabhupada will take you to Krsna."**

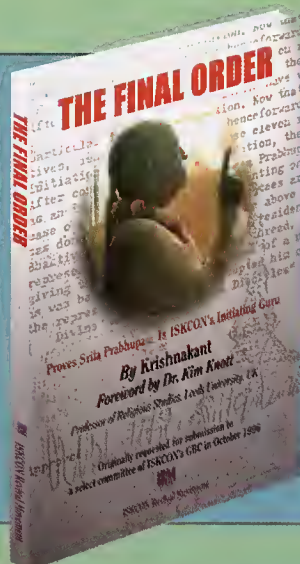
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